

The people of Taiwan have much to be proud of as they celebrate the inauguration of President Ma. The relationship between the people of the United States and the people of Taiwan is based on shared values and common interests. I look forward to seeing Taiwan grow and prosper, and want the Taiwanese people to know that they have an unshakeable ally in the United States as they continue forward as a young democracy.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO DR. MARTHA SMITH

• Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the accomplishments of Martha Smith, Ph.D., who is retiring as president of Anne Arundel Community College, AACC, in Anne Arundel County, MD. For 18 years, Dr. Smith has been the visionary and driving force behind many of the accomplishments of AACC. Her tireless dedication and unwavering enthusiasm have been instrumental in bringing extraordinary educational opportunities to the students of AACC. Under her leadership, AACC has grown to meet the needs of students and employers in Anne Arundel County and throughout the State of Maryland. The college has focused on high-growth industries and opportunities presented by the base realignment and closure, BRAC, process. As a result, its enrollment has increased from 40,000 to 53,000 students and the number of degree and certificate programs has nearly doubled. The campus locations have grown to include Glen Burnie and Arundel Mills, as well as nine new buildings.

Dr. Smith has led AACC's growth and success by keeping her finger on the pulse of workforce trends, student goals, and employer needs. This year, she announced nine new associate's degree programs in fields such as juvenile justice and early childhood education. Under her leadership, AACC opened the Centers for Cyber and Professional Training and Applied Learning and Technology and introduced a new degree in information systems security, evincing the increased demand for highly trained cyber security professionals. In response to the growing needs of Maryland's health care and tourism industries, Dr. Smith has overseen the expansion of the physician assistant certificate program and she cut the ribbon on AACC's new Hospitality, Culinary Arts and Tourism Institute.

Dr. Smith's considerable expertise and leadership in the areas of workforce development and education has enabled her to serve in many leadership roles with local, State, and national organizations. As a passionate advocate for high-quality, affordable education for all students who want to pursue higher education, her role on national community college and workforce investment boards has been instrumental in building partnerships

and making changes that have strengthened the community college system and enabled more students to be successful. During Dr. Smith's tenure, AACC has garnered numerous awards and honors, including Community College of the Year from the National Alliance for Business.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Dr. Smith on her 18 years of accomplishments as president of Anne Arundel Community College, in thanking her for her inspired leadership and public service, and in wishing her well in her retirement.●

RECOGNIZING SACO & BIDDEFORD SAVINGS INSTITUTION

• Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, it is my privilege and honor to recognize and commend Saco & Biddeford Savings Institution, the oldest bank in Maine, which this month celebrates its milestone 185th anniversary.

Saco & Biddeford Savings Institution, located in Saco, ME, opened its doors on May 23, 1827. It is hard to believe, but at that time—7 years after Maine was granted Statehood—relatively few banks existed in the United States and none in Maine. However, in February of 1827, 48 citizens of Saco changed this path by appealing to the State legislature for a banking charter. Since that time, this community bank has taken remarkable strides and made breakthrough achievements, including opening the first branch of any bank in Maine. Further, in 1922, it began encouraging Maine's youth to save and learn the value of fiscal responsibility when it started the first school savings program in the State's history.

Whether a customer is interested in personal banking, obtaining a mortgage, or even starting or investing in a small business, Saco and Biddeford Savings offers a broad array of services and products. Today, this bank has expanded beyond Saco and includes locations in Biddeford, Old Orchard Beach, Scarborough, South Portland, and Westbrook. As the eleventh largest Maine-based community bank for total assets, it continues to grow, recently announcing total assets of over \$759 million. Notably, Saco & Biddeford Savings continues to be a leader in the community, employing 165 individuals, and was named by Best Companies Group in 2011 as one of the "Best Places to Work in Maine."

As is evidenced by their remarkable success for nearly two centuries, this financial institution is highly regarded for its impeccable customer service and outstanding charitable contributions. In 2011 alone, Saco & Biddeford Savings donated nearly \$350,000 to local charities. Already, in 2012, this community bank has donated to 14 local food pantries and meal programs and assisted with the Project Heat Telethon which ultimately raised \$223,550 to assist Maine families with fuel costs. Saco & Biddeford Savings' generosity to the community demonstrates why South-

ern Maine has embraced this organization for 185 years.

Throughout our Nation's great history, we have experienced tremendous highs and lows, particularly in our financial sector. While this has presented unique challenges to banking establishments, Saco & Biddeford Savings Institution's ability to thrive and prosper for 185 years is a monumental achievement. I am proud to extend my congratulations to everyone at Saco & Biddeford Savings Institution on their 185th anniversary. I offer my best wishes for their continued success.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 10:03 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 298. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 500 East Whitestone Boulevard in Cedar Park, Texas, as the "Army Specialist Matthew Troy Morris Post Office Building".

H.R. 1423. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 115 4th Avenue Southwest in Ardmore, Oklahoma, as the "Specialist Micheal E. Phillips Post Office".

H.R. 2079. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10 Main Street in East Rockaway, New York, as the "John J. Cook Post Office".

H.R. 2213. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 801 West Eastport Street in Luka, Mississippi, as the "Sergeant Jason W. Vaughn Post Office".

H.R. 2244. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 67 Castle Street in Geneva, New York, as the "Corporal Steven Blaine Riccione Post Office".

H.R. 2660. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 122 North Holderrieth Boulevard in Tomball, Texas, as the "Tomball Veterans Post Office".

H.R. 2767. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8 West Silver Street in Westfield, Massachusetts, as the "William T. Trant Post Office Building".

H.R. 3004. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 260 California Drive in Yountville, California, as the "Private First Class Alejandro R. Ruiz Post Office Building".

H.R. 3246. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located